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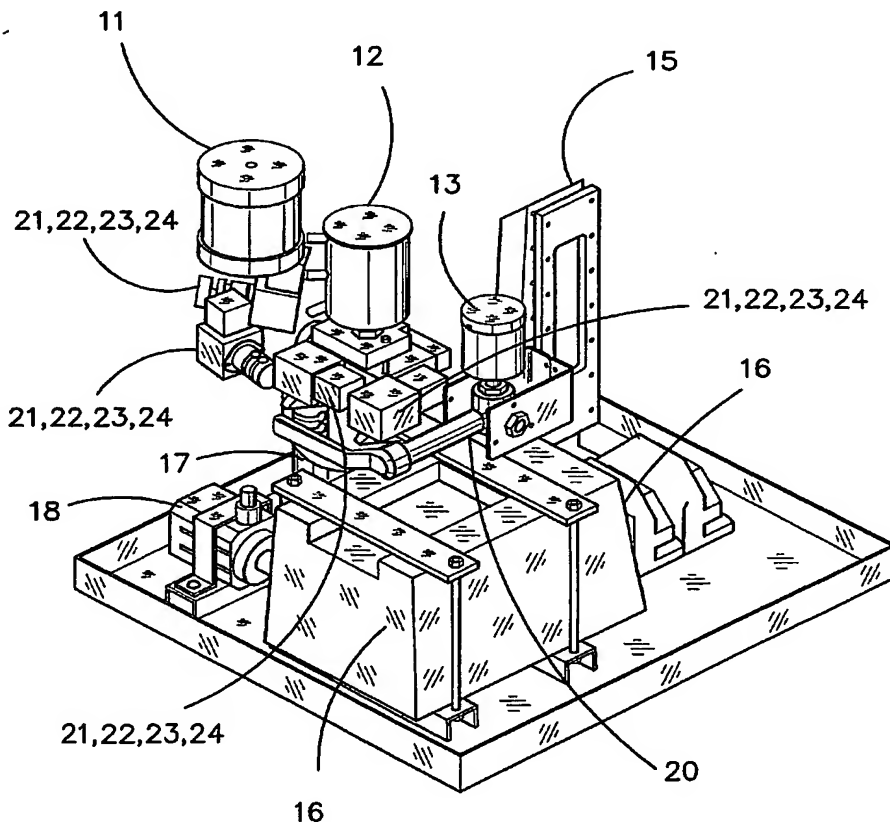
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TESTING FIBRES



(57) Abstract: According to the present invention there is also provided an apparatus for estimating the fibre fineness of a known mass of fibres, the apparatus including: an image capturing device for capturing either i) all of the fibres selected for testing or ii) a fraction thereof, in one or more images; a computer capable of automatically determining the total length of fibre or fibres in the or each image; and a means for estimating the fibre fineness of the fibres using the total fibre length in the image(s).

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